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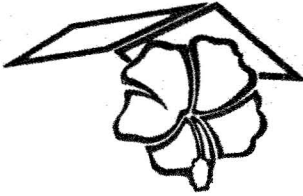
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**HCR 270 HD1 / HR 229 HD1: REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT
MANOA GREEN ROOF FEASIBILITY TEAM TO RECOMMEND INCENTIVES
THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE TO ENCOURAGE GREEN
ROOFING.**

Chair Morita, Vice Chair Carroll, and Members of the Committee:

The School of Architecture at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa supports HCR 270 HD1 / HR 229 HD1 and will work collaboratively with the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa Green Roof Feasibility Team to develop incentives that may be adopted specifically by the State to encourage green roof design.

Green roof benefits are understood throughout the world. They have been shown to reduce urban heat island effects, reduce cooling loads, reduce storm water runoff and increase roof life span. Additionally, they improve the visual quality of the environment in which we live. Green roofs require knowledge of architecture, sustainability, engineering and landscape architecture. The quality of our natural and built environment would be greatly enhanced if roof tops were integrated with our beautiful Hawaiian landscape. Additionally, because rooftops are on buildings, it is essential the architectural profession (including professional education) be included in any proposed studies within green roof design.



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Representative Hermina M. Morita, Chair

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Chair Morita and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii and we support this resolution.

Since the majority of manufacturers that are involved in green roofing are members of our organization, we would respectfully request the Committee's consideration of adding the Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii to the list of those that will be consulted. To do otherwise we believe would be missing an important link in this process.

Based on that amendment, we can recommend passage of this resolution.

Thank you.